



"...give full measure and full weight with justice, and do not give people their things less than their due. And do not spread destruction in the land by becoming mischief-mongers."
 (Quran, 11:85)

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue; please keep sending in articles, events and any useful information.
 Thank you
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FAIRTRADE



There are many older folk in our churches who recall the days when they dutifully bought the original fairly traded coffees as an act of solidarity and commitment to social justice, despite the grainy, unappealing taste. Over the past 10 years we have seen a revolution in Fairtrade with hundreds of high quality products now available. Church members have continued to be the quiet revolutionaries making what was once a practice for the committed few now a regular habit for the many.

With Fairtrade moving well beyond tea, coffee and sugar, there are now many Muslims who also see their support for Fairtrade as a way to ensure that their actions reflect their beliefs. Ramadan in particular, when hunger is a reminder of being part of a world when many go hungry every night, is a good time to reflect on where food comes from and who produced it. For a couple of years Woking Fairtrade help run a stall at the Shah Jahan Mosque enabling Muslims to buy Fairtrade dates with which to break their fast as well as Fairtrade olive oil from Palestine and Fairtrade honey as gifts.

The values embodied in Fairtrade of economic justice and solidarity with the poor and oppressed are ones which people of all faiths share. It would be great to see many of the churches with regular Fairtrade stalls reach out to the mosques near them this Ramadan and offer the chance to learn more about Fairtrade.

Main Faith Festivals in July 2013

- ◆ 5th - Birthday of Guru Hargobind
- ◆ 9th - Martyrdom of The Bab
- ◆ 9th - Ramadhan begins
- ◆ 15th - St Swithin's Day
- ◆ 16th - Tisha B'av
- ◆ 19th - Jamshedi Noruz
- ◆ 22nd - St Mary Magdalene
- ◆ 22nd - Asala—Dharma Day
- ◆ 23rd - Birthday of Guru Har Krishen

The Everlasting Flame Exhibition: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination

11th October – 14th December 2013

Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies , University of London.

The exhibition “The Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination” provides a visual narrative of the history of Zoroastrianism from its ancient Iranian roots, to its emergence as the foremost religion of the Achaemenid and Parthian empires as well as its consolidation as the state religion under the Sasanians and the establishment of the great regnal fires.

The reach of Zoroastrianism into Central Asia and China and its influence on the major religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam will also be demonstrated in the exhibition. From Iran to the west coast of India the story continues with the maritime journey of Zoroastrians and their settlement in India, their growth as an immigrant community under British colonial rule, and the later expansion of the modern diaspora.

The exhibition consists of a series of ten stories within the overall historical narrative that explores the fascinating ways in which Zoroastrianism has been imagined through the art, iconography and literature of non-Zoroastrians down the ages. Inside the exhibition artefacts, coins and silverware introduce the ancient and imperial periods of Iranian Zoroastrian history. Illustrated texts and manuscripts written in Avestan, Pahlavi, Persian and Gujarati languages show how the oral tradition was committed to writing during the Sasanian and later periods. The economic growth

of the Parsi diaspora in India is demonstrated through paintings, porcelain, textiles, jewellery and furnishings from the nineteenth century and photographic materials will illustrate the growth of the later diaspora in Hong Kong, Singapore, the United States and Britain.

As well as the inclusion of important artefacts, the exhibition transforms areas of the gallery with spectacular installations. On approaching the gallery visitors will be confronted with a replica of the façade of the Yazd fire temple that will adorn the entrance of the building. A walk in fire temple, a central feature of the exhibition located on the lower floor of the gallery will consist of a prayer room, inner sanctum and ritual precinct where the yasna ceremony is performed. As outsiders are not allowed into fire temples in India this will be a unique opportunity for visitors. Other signature pieces include a reproduction engraved in glass of the British Museum’s 10 metre cast of the western staircase from the palace of Darius at Persepolis, complete with the magnificent lion and bull motif. Finally, verses from the Gathas of Zarathustra will be presented as a series of large calligraphic panels and combined with voice recordings of the text to be presented as an audio-visual experience.

The exhibition website is:

www.theeverlastingflame.com

Godalming Quaker Meeting Room Tercentenary Celebrations

There have been Quakers in Godalming since 1655 and they met in each other’s homes during the years of persecution from the start of Quakerism in 1652 until 1689 with the accession of William and Mary. In 1698 one of the members, Caleb Woods, a maltster, bought the Mill House. Four years later he also bought ‘the tenement with the curtilage, barn, gate room, garden and orchard, known as Goreways’. By 1701 another Friend, John Cooper, was collecting for a Meeting House at Godalming, which money he handed over to Caleb Woods. Friends were already using the premises by 1709 when ‘Jane Chandler of Brambley’ was buried there. The premises consist of a long low building, the barn mentioned above but which was actually a stable and the more modern Meeting Room that dates to 1714.

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The barn, now known as the Long Room, dates well back into the 17th century. The building built in 1714 is the building that will be 300 years old next year. This is where we hold our regular Meetings for Worship on a Sunday morning, business meetings, talks and other social activities. There are gardens to the front and back where almost 200 former Friends are buried, the earliest Friends being buried in the Old Quaker Burial Ground at Binscombe, formerly part of the farmyard of Resta Patching who sadly died following an imprisonment at Guildford.

The Meeting House is opened at the beginning of October each year on the Saturday of Heritage Weekend when visitors are told about the buildings and Quakerism in general.

There are plans for various events during 2014 but the only concrete one at present is having a special rose to commemorate the event. It is a white floribunda that will be called 'Quaker Light', white for Yorkshire, the county of the origins of Quakerism, and Light for

the Quaker belief that there is an Inner Light of good (God) within each one of us. The rose will be available to order until the end of May at a cost of £8.50 each + postage. No money is required now as delivery isn't until late October/November 2014. The rose is virtually virus free and a strong grower, spread when mature approx. 3'0" x 2'6" high.

Orders stating quantity, delivery address, a phone number and printed out email address to Ruth Martin at ruth.quakerhealer@talktalk.net, or addressed to Ruth Martin at The Quaker Meeting House, The Mint, Mill Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1HB.



Dementia friendly communities

I am writing to tell you about a recently launched partnership initiative funded by three of Surrey's GP Clinical Commissioning Groups and Surrey County Council. Dementia Friendly Surrey will work with communities to help them become inclusive and supportive places for people with dementia, their families and carers.

People with dementia report losing friends, feeling lonely and struggling to use services. As service commissioners and providers it is vital that we can meet the needs of existing and future residents who have memory problems or dementia. This not only means ensuring that the services we commission and provide are appropriate and accessible, but also acting as advocates to encourage others to do the same.

There are a number of steps which we can take to make sure our communities are inclusive and welcoming places for those affected by dementia. Better understanding of dementia, modifications to the physical environment and enhanced social support networks could all make a massive impact on the quality of life of people affected by dementia.

As an individual you can also become a Dementia Friendly Surrey Champion, to find out more visit:

<http://www.surreyinformationpoint.org.uk/dementiafriendlysurrey>

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss any of the above.

Kind regards,

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Helping young people build a future

Guildford

YMCA

Celebrating a new beginning

Dr Helen Bowcock, the High Sheriff of Surrey, delivered a moving speech at the opening of the new YMCA Residents' Development Suite on Tuesday 14 May. In the presence of residents, supporters and staff Dr Bowcock spoke eloquently of the plight of disadvantaged young people in Surrey and praised the work of the YMCA in turning young lives around.

Guildford YMCA has been raising funds to transform the lower ground floor of the Bridge Street building to create new facilities for its work with young people. Up to 40 16-25 year olds call the hostel home who would otherwise be homeless, and a Supported Housing Team work with them offering key working support, benefits advice and social activities. To date there has never been a space in the building that these young residents can call their own, but transforming a former conference room has given them an area for recreation, learning and group work.

All of this is thanks to the remarkable generosity of YMCA supporters and their contacts, many of whom were present at the opening. The Chair of Guildford YMCA, Pete Jeffrey and Tony Hennessey-Brown,

former Chair and now coordinator of the Capital Appeal, were glad of the opportunity to thank donors in person.

As funds allow, the remodelling of the building will move forward to also accommodate the YMCA's youth work department, Plantation. This is currently located off Market Street in Guildford and in recent years space has been at a premium as the number of projects being delivered has expanded. The Bridge Street development offers the opportunity to create a larger more flexible space from which to run a range of projects that enable young people to find direction in life.

There's still a long way to go to raise sufficient funds and donations are most welcome. Visit www.guildfordymca.org.uk/capital_appeal.htm for more information. And on 13 October an evening of musical entertainment is planned for G Live, hosted by Jonathan Veira. Tickets are now available from Guildford YMCA (01483 448784) or the G Live box office. Sponsors are welcome to offset the costs of the event so that all ticket sales go directly to the Capital Appeal.

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WOKING ASIAN BUSINESS FORUM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 4th July 2013

Time: 5.30 for 6 pm , prompt Start

At: HG Wells, Conference Centre, Woking, GU21 6HR

Please RSVP by contacting us at: s.patel@wabf.org.uk or telephone 01483 901510

Address by Aaqil Ahmed

Aaqil Ahmed is Commissioning Editor Religion and Head of Religion & Ethics.

Aaqil joined the BBC from Channel 4 where for more than six years he was Commissioning Editor for Religion and Head of Multicultural Programming.

Commissions include many award-winning and high-profile projects such as Saving Africa's Witch Children, The Qur'an, Inside The Mind of a Suicide Bomber, Christianity: A History and the religion strand Revelations.

From 2000 to 2003 Aaqil was employed by the BBC's Religion and Ethics department as Deputy Editor of Documentaries, where he worked on a number of projects from Trouble Up North, Headhunting The Homeless, Richard Gere On Buddhism to the acclaimed current affairs and religion strand Everyman.

Previously Aaqil worked for the BBC as a Director on Here and Now. He also produced and directed The Crime Squad (fronted by Sue Lawley) as well as numerous one-off documentaries for BBC One such as Britain on the Fiddle and Behind the Bike Sheds.

In addition he produced news event specials such as the funeral of Diana Princess of Wales and the Turkish earthquake.



New Surrey Access Forum website

Surrey Access Forum - SAF, is a brand new forum linking access groups in Surrey; it was set up in 2008 to link together the work of individual access groups in Surrey.

Made up of disabled people from all walks of life, Surrey access groups are passionate about making Surrey accessible to everyone.

Each access group works independently in a borough or district of the county. They gather information on the accessibility of places like shops, cinemas, leisure centres, and visitor attractions. They are assessed for ease of access against the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. This includes access information on places that are accessible to people with limited mobility, who are wheelchair users, to people with sight and hearing impairments and to people with learning difficulties.

For more information please visit: www.surreyaccessforum.org.uk

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Centre for Social Action - <https://www.gov.uk/centre-for-social-action>

The Centre for Social Action supports programmes that encourage people to create positive change through social action.

Social action can broadly be defined as practical actions in the service of others, which:

- is carried out by individuals or groups of people working together
- is not mandated and not for profit
- is done for the good of others; individuals, communities and/or society
- is bringing about social change and/or value
- includes the giving of time and money

Funding: grant programmes - A series of social action grant funds will be launched to specifically support programmes that encourage social action.

A fund for organisations which use social action to rehabilitate offenders is currently in development. See the webpage for more information - <https://www.gov.uk/centre-for-social-action#funding-grant-programmes>

Funding: Campaigns - The Centre for Social Action will also commission a small number of campaigns that aim to get large numbers of people involved in social action.

An example of a campaign that would be commissioned is the Alzheimer Society's Dementia Friends <http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/> which seeks to recruit one million 'Dementia Friends'. The Centre is not currently looking to fund specific programmes, but is interested in any ideas you have for other large scale social action campaigns.

If you have an idea for a campaign or you want to find out more visit the Centre for Social Action webpage for more information - <https://www.gov.uk/centre-for-social-action#funding-campaigns>

Community Sport Activation Fund



Sport England is promoting the Sport Activation Fund including details of the workshops that are being held. The Community Sport Activation Fund is a £40 million Lottery revenue fund developed to support grassroots activity at a very local level. The aim is to develop partnerships which can reach communities where sports participation is currently low and create sustainable means to increase participation. There are several funding rounds, the current one open until 1 July with others to follow.

More details on:

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sport_activation_fund.aspx

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Kingston Community of Cultures discussion... Faith schools – A good thing?

David Campanale, Surbiton Community Church; Co-chair of proposed North Kingston Church Secondary School

Nasir Qurashi, Head Master, Al Risalah Secondary School, Wandsworth

Martin Corner, Reader at All Saints Church Kingston

40% of Kingston's 34 primaries are church schools, with a current proposal for the first faith secondary school. Nationally, the Government's policy of promoting more 'Free Schools' is likely to be taken up by faith groups – Muslim and Jewish as well as Christian.

Supporters argue that faith schools put education in a right moral framework, and promote high standards. Others – including some church people – have worries about families and children growing up separate from others.

Join in this exploration with people in the front line of education. Contribute your views.

Thursday 27 June 2013, 7:30 - 9:00pm - Coffee and biscuits from 7:00pm

All Saints Church, Market Place, Kingston, KT1 1JP.

Kingston Community of Cultures is a discussion forum organised by All Saints Parish Church, Kingston University Chaplaincy and the Kingston Inter Faith Forum. For information, contact leslie@packerhome.fsnet.co.uk

You are cordially invited to **An Evening with Peter Slot**, Author of A Layman's Faith
On Saturday 29th June at 6pm at St Michael's Church, Betchworth

A chance to meet the author and hear about the inspiration for A Layman's Faith. Generations of churchgoers in Betchworth have been inspired and provoked by the thoughtful and powerfully clear sermons that form the basis of this book. Wine, soft drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Copies of A Layman's Faith will be on sale, and the author will be signing copies. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be devoted to St Michael's Church and other Church of England charitable causes.

RSVP: david.slater2@tiscali.co.uk or 07833 737576 by 20th June 2013

You are warmly invited to an
Islamic Cultural Open Day

Date: Sunday 30th June 2013

Time: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Venue: Ian Goodchild Centre, Camberley, GU15 3SY

Exhibition from Discover Islam:

www.discoverislam.co.uk

Organised by Surrey Heath Muslim Association

You are invited to... Young Chums!

(Young parents group, for parents under 23 years old & their children aged 0–5yrs)

Wednesday 3rd July 2013, 12:30 — 2:30pm

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St Martin's Sure Start Childrens Centre, Worples Road,
Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7AA, Telephone : 01372 730435

Mass for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on July 6th at 3pm in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ.

Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: casamariapita@aol.com.
Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159

St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre Information

Forthcoming Events for the summer in 2013

Enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting, Mass in our pretty chapel and good food.

Future dates include:

Wednesday 12th June 10am - 4pm : Quiet day of prayer & reflection led by Fr. Kevin Dring 'Lead me to be still, Lord, and I will discover anew that you are with me'. Mass Celebrated at 12:00.

Saturday 13th July 10am-4pm: "Self Expression & Self Awareness Using Clay and Scripture" Led by Sr. Shirley Kelly MA OSM & Sr. Sue Haddock RSM. (No previous experience needed). Mass Celebrated at 12.00.

Wednesday 14th August 10am-4.00pm: A day exploring the teachings of Dietrich Bonhoffer, theologian and Pastor, reflecting on the radical choice that Christianity is. Led by Fr. Raglan Hay-Will. Mass Celebrated at 12.00.

Wednesday 18th September 10am—4pm: A day with Julian of Norwich led by Teresa Brooks. Mass Celebrated at 12.00.

Single Reflection Days are £25 per person, including lunch and afternoon tea.

For more information on all these and other events visit www.stcuthmans.com . To book: tel: 01403 741220; or email: stcuthmans@dabnet.org

SURREY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEETINGS

The Health and Wellbeing Board will be meeting in public on the following dates over the coming year, which means you can go along and observe their discussions.

- Thursday 13th June 2013 at 1pm at New Council Chamber, Reigate Town Hall, Castlefield Rd, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0SH
- Thursday 19th September 2013 at 1pm
- Thursday 12th December 2013 at 1pm
- Thursday 20th March 2014 at 1pm
- Thursday 19th June 2014 at 1pm

Venues for meetings will be published nearer the date.

For more information go to the County Council website using the link below:

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/surrey-health-and-wellbeing-board>

EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH FAMILY FUN DAY

ORGANISED BY THE ROTARY CLUBS OF EPSOM & EWELL— 22nd SEPTEMBER 2013

Book a space, advertise, for more information please visit: www.epsomfunday.net

Weybridge Caring for Ex-Offenders Training Days

Weybridge Caring for Ex-Offenders Training Day- Part One: This training is aimed at equipping those who work or would like to work with ex-offenders (or those at risk of offending) in your church. It is useful for church leaders, those heading up the ministry in their church, those interested in coaching or mentoring ex-offenders, and those just looking into how to get involved. Part One focuses on the need to care for ex-offenders, where to start, risk management and the practicalities of supporting ex-offenders.

Part Two has been designed to develop coaching support for ex-offenders.

The training will take place on June 29th and July 4th from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Weybridge Catholic Parish Hall, Portmore Way, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD

For more information: <http://events.alpha.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=160>

Domestic Abuse Seminar

Domestic Abuse is about power and control. It can take many forms and affects:

1 in 4 Women and 1 in 6 men. It can happen to anyone regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity, age, class, mental or physical ability or sexuality.

Aiming to raise awareness and inspire action, the programme will include The Church's Response, Surrey Safety Community Unit, Surrey Police, Probation Service, Surrey Outreach teams and a drama exploring elements of domestic abuse.

Tuesday 17th September from 10am to 3pm
Holy Trinity Church, High St, Guildford GU1 3HN
Refreshments provided; Bring your own lunch.
Open to all, suggested donation £5 on the day

To secure your place please email: emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk or tel: 01483 790324



Film Project

The aim of the project is to have local young people between 12 and 16 years old showing their creativity and learning new skills from professionals from Peer Productions. The project is free for those to take part and will give people the chance to learn about using a camera, writing a script, acting and other aspects of production. The youngsters involved will have control over the theme of the film and there will be a community film showing of the final product in the following months

The project will run between the 6th and 8th of August 2013 at the Parkview Centre, Sheerwater

For more information contact Bob Morgan:
Telephone: 01483 743340, Email: bob.morgan@woking.gov.uk

THE EIKON CHARITY GOLF DAY 2013

This sell-out event is once again back by popular demand, and once again booking up fast! If you love golf, then The Eikon Charity's Annual Golf Day is a great way to combine your passion for the game with helping local young people who face a variety of complex challenges in their lives.

The event starts from midday with a bacon roll on arrival, followed by a round of 18 holes. After the tournament, you can enjoy a relaxing beer, followed by a three course dinner and prize giving ceremony at the club. It is a fabulous day with plenty of laughs, but spaces are limited so book today to avoid disappointment.

Event details:

When: Friday 20th September 2013 (tee off times from midday, dinner at 7pm)

Where: West Byfleet Golf Club, Surrey KT14 6AA

What: Teams of four will play one round of stableford golf (maximum handicap: 28 for men and 36 for ladies)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd & 3rd team winners, nearest the pin (prize for each par 3) and longest drive

Cost: Still just £280 for a team of four players (we will try to accommodate individual players at £70pp)

Dress Code: No denim or trainers, t-shirts must have a collar and shorts must be tailored and worn with socks. Jacket and tie after 6.30pm

Why: Eikon is a Surrey based charity that has been working in the local community for almost two decades, providing long-term support to some of the county's most vulnerable young people and their families. All proceeds from the golf day will go towards this work. Thank-you for supporting The Eikon Charity

Bookings: Download a booking form at www.eikon.org.uk/golf-day or request one via email from Jessica Maybanks: Jessica@eikon.org.uk
Fundraising Manager (tel: 01932 347 434).



Face to face

A series of conversations between the Minister and a prominent guest at Godalming United Church, Bridge Street, Godalming, GU7 3DU

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Sunday 6th October, 6.30 pm

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